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RUMANIA INCREASES COTTON PRODUCTION;
PERMITS ENTRY OF RAZOR BLADES.

TO PRODUCE MORE COTTON -- Moscow, Sovetskoye Khlopkovodstvo, 31 Mar 51

In Rumania, the area sown to cotton in 1947 totaled 23,532 hectares. In 1950, cotton plantings increased to 100,000 hectares and the yields increased to 400 kilograms per hectare for upland (rain-grown) cotton and to 600 kilograms for irrigated cotton. The gross cotton production in the state sector exceeded the production in the private sector by 50 percent. The Soviet Union supplied Rumania with modern agricultural machinery, seeds, chemical fertilizer, and advice, all of which contributed to the increase in the cotton crop.

The 1950 harvest exceeded the 1949 harvest by 231 percent. The new Soviet cotton variety, "Odessa," has been introduced into Rumania. This variety has given yields up to 900 kilograms per hectare. The Central Committee of the Rumanian Workers' Party plans to irrigate 1,200,000 hectares during the next 10 years. This irrigation project will be in conjunction with the electrification plan; much of the area will be sown to cotton.

In 1951, the area to be covered with chemical fertilizers will be 24,100 hectares; in 1955 this will be increased to 70,200 hectares. Machinery will be used to sow 54,000 hectares in 1951, increasing to 185,000 hectares in 1955. During the Five-Year Plan, 25 seed-selection stations will be set up to handle 90 percent of the seed to be sown. By the end of the Five-Year Plan, the area sown to cotton will reach 300,000 hectares.

ADMITS RAZOR BLADES -- Innsbruck, Unio Press Service, 3 Apr 51

Rumania has recently permitted small packages to enter the country. The most popular packages contain Gillette-type razor blades which, because of the consumers' goods shortage, can be sold for 10,000 lei per hundred, enough money to keep a man alive for a month.

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